

Blog 45-the Kings

In 1978, I was set back in my walk with God because one of my mentors told me he had checked out of the Christian walk and declared, "it just doesn't work". This was upsetting to me because I had just resigned from a good career with IBM and moved my family to Atlanta, Ga. It discombobulated me for a time.

I decided to survey the bible and see if there were any similar examples to my experience. I started studying the Kings at this time for I thought they were similar men who were the head of their family and had leadership responsibilities and believed in God. I was amazed at the number of kings, how few made the good designation and how fewer finished their life serving God. The findings altered my path and helped me keep walking with and for God.

I have attached a work chart on the chronological and review from God on the Kings. IT WAS developed during this time and might be useful to you. It is attached and is a Power Point.

Let me give you some observations I made from the diagram and conclusion I drew.

1. There were 42 Kings and one Queen over 464 years that ruled Judah and Israel (11 tribes).
2. It appears that God considered 8 of the kings "good". None of the Kings had a perfect record but good seemed to be attached to the King that stayed to a large extent, attached to "God and dependent on God".
3. Let us look at Asa, a good King and how he turned from God
2Ch 16:12 "And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was diseased in his feet, until his

disease was very grievous. Yet in his disease he did not seek to Jehovah, but to the physicians.

4. Of these 8 Kings, only 3 Kings finished up their life “serving and finishing well”
5. Notice Manasseh: Not a good King until the last moments of his life. He was so evil the Priest of the time hid the sacred scrolls from the King and the people for 55 years. The nation lived without the Word of God and morally deteriorated as a nation. The bible says that “he did evil in the sight of the Lord according to the admonitions of the nations--whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.”
6. Notice Athaliah: This queen was the daughter of Ahab and the daughter of Jezebel. What was she doing in Judah? Jehoshaphat failed, closing in on the end of his reign and married off his son for an alliance, for peace in his time???
7. No Kings of Israel were good, and they mostly turned to Baal. Ergo the show down with Elijah, 1 Kings 18:22.
8. During the exodus, one of the instructions God gave to the nation was don't get a King but if you do here are some parameters.

“Deu 17:14 When you come to the land which Jehovah your God gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations around me,

Deu 17:15 you shall surely set a king over you, whom
1. **Jehovah, your God shall choose.** You shall set a king over you from among your brothers. You may not set a stranger over you, who is not your brother.

Deu 17:16 But he

2. **shall not multiply horses** to himself, **nor cause the people to return to Egypt**, so as to multiply horses,

because Jehovah has said to you, You shall return no more that way from now on.

Deu 17:17

3. **Nor shall he multiply wives to himself**, so that his heart does not turn away.

4. **Nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold to himself.**

Deu 17:18 And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom,

5. **he shall write a copy of this Law in a book from before the priests**, the Levites.

Deu 17:19 And it shall be with him, and

6. **he shall read it all the days of his life**, so that he may learn to **fear** Jehovah his God, to keep all the words of this Law, and these statutes, to do them..

*Notice reading the Word should develop **fear** of God in the person reading.*

Application

1. Do a study on the fear of God and interview one the mature Saints on how they see the issue of fearing God.
2. Review your thinking on your hope and test your life and interest
3. Evaluate what it takes to finish well for Jesus/God for you and review how you are doing.
4. Evaluate your personal view of money and women.

The mission statement of the Blogs

These blogs are to stimulate your biblical thinking to become Issachar's of our time.

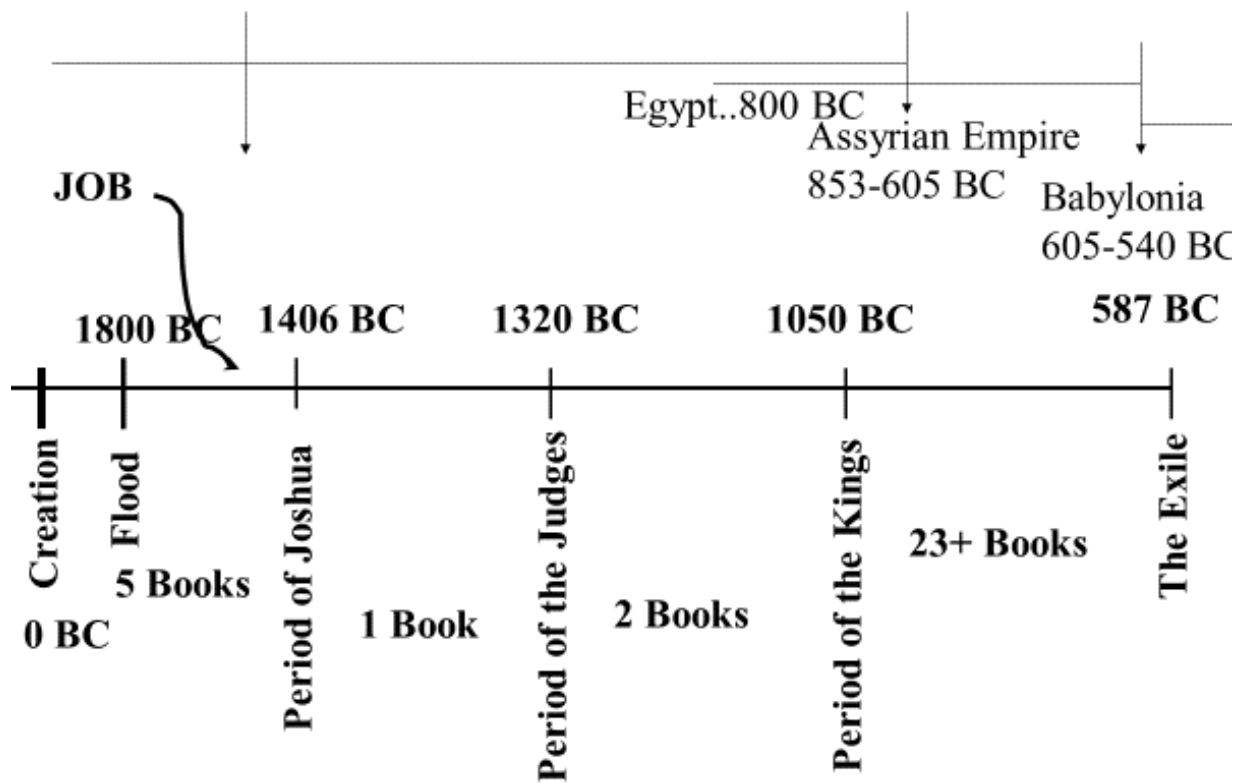
1Ch 12:32 and from the sons of Issachar, *men* who had an understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...

These blogs are an attempt to articulate key biblical issues of our day so that we can

1. Learn and understand the propositions of the Bible concerning our life
2. We can apply the truth in our life in the sanctification process
3. Contend/defend against heresy or apostasy.
4. We can draw closer to God

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2. No password is required
3. You may print any document.
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I hope these bless you....Gayle



I Noticed how the Old Testament great men of God never could pass on their enthusiasm of faith to their third or next generation.

Moses

Joshua

David

All the judges

Jewish priest...Eli